THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that Delhi is going to become a slum in the near future. Provision of housing, infrastructure, services, green areas etc. has been made by various local bodies and development authorities in Delhi from time to time within the frame work of planned development. Steps have also been taken by the Government for decongesting Delhi. The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) set up in 1985 formulated the Regional Plan 2001. The Plan aims at decongesting Delhi to attain a balanced and harmonized development of NCR. It seeks to achieve its objectives through an inter-related policy framework relating to population, settlement system, regional land use pattern, environmental factors, economic activities and infrastructural facilities etc.

Since inception, the NCR Planning Board, has financed 172 schemes of which 84 schemes are complete and 88 schemes are at different stages of implementation.

Municipal reforms project in Karnataka

2614. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Reforms Project of Karnataka Government has been referred to the World Bank;

(b) the number of cities/urban local bodies of the State proposed to be covered under the above project;

(c) the cost of above project; and

(d) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The proposed Concept Note of the Municipal Reforms Project of Karnataka Government was posed to the World Bank by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs on 10.4.2002. 50 cities of the State of Karnataka

are proposed to be covered under the above project, which involves a cost of US $200.00 million.

(d) The project is under preparation.

Formulation of new master plan for Delhi-2021

2615. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Master Plan for Delhi-2021 is under formulation;

(b) if so, whether issues relating to excess population, additional water supply, sewerage network, efficient solid waste collection system and social infrastructure to be made available have been addressed and intensive consultation between DDA, Jal Board, MCD, etc. have been held; and

(c) whether due importance is being given to create a mixed landscape comprising industries, hawkers, housing for people from low and middle income groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Development Authority had constituted 13 Sub-groups for examination of various issues which include power, water supply, sewerage and drainage services, solid waste management, social infrastructure, mixed land use, policies for low and middle income target groups etc. Consultations with local bodies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) and experts have ben made by various Sub-groups.

Corruption in DDA

†2616. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the housing policy of Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.